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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi HAYASHIHARA et al.

Serial No. 09/977,248

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No. 2244

Filed: October 16, 2001

Examiner: Unassigned

For: VEHICLE PEDAL DEVICE CAPABLE OF ADJUSTING PEDAL POSITION
LONGITUDINAL DIRECTION OF VEHICLE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, having a shortened period for response set to expire on April 12, 2003, applicants elect Species I, the embodiment illustrated in FIGS 1-3, and claims 1-5 and 8 readable thereon. Applicants also agree with the Examiner that claim 1 is generic to all embodiments and reserve the right to further prosecute without prejudice the non-elected Species II-IV, the embodiments illustrated in FIGS. 4-6, and the remaining claims 6-7 readable thereon.

If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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